

Another Prospect To Be CIA Chief

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Washington—President Carter has put an old Naval Academy schoolmate high on his list of possible nominees to head the Central Intelligence Agency.

Adm. Stansfield Turner, now the commander of NATO forces in southern Europe, "is one of the leading candidates" for the job, according to presidential assistant Hamilton Jordan. He said last night that Turner is among a handful being considered to head the CIA. Carter's first choice, former Kennedy aide Theodore Sorensen, withdrew Jan. 17 in the face of Senate opposition.

Among the first names to surface as possible choices after Sorensen's withdrawal was that of retired Army Lt. Gen. James M. Gavin. However, administration sources said that Gavin, 70, was an unlikely choice because of his age. Others who have been considered possible nominees include Bill D. Moyers, former top aide to Lyndon Johnson, and H. Enno Knoche, acting director of the CIA.

Carter told reporters a week ago that he was considering "six or seven" persons for the job. He said Knoche is "very competent" and added: "I'm not going to rush into it." He said he wants to name someone who had not already been an intelligence official.

Turner, 53, is visiting in the Washington

area. He was graduated from Annapolis in 1946, a year ahead of Carter.

The admiral is a former president of the Naval War College and commander of the Second Fleet. His naval career has been spent primarily on destroyers. A Rhodes scholar, he was an aide to the secretary of the Navy from 1968 to 1970 and directed the systems analysis division in the office of the chief of naval operations before going to the war college.